

Translation of German text on form

Column 1: category

the following meaning applies:

- X:** References that put in doubt the novelty or level of invention only
- Y:** References that put in doubt the level of invention in combination with other references
- A:** General comments concerning the state of the technology, the technological background
- O:** Non-written disclosure, e.g. a lecture printed in a later published reference, which lecture was given publicly prior to the application date or the priority date
- P:** References published during the priority interval
- T:** Non-colliding references that were published later on, which relate to the theory of the invention in the application and could be of use for a better understanding of the applied-for invention or which could demonstrate that ideas or facts upon which the invention in this application is based could be incorrect
- E:** Older applications according to § 3, Paragraph 2 of the Patent Act (for searches also § 43 of the Patent Act); older patent applications or older utility models according to § 15 of the Utility Model Act (for searches also § 7 of the Utility Model Act)
- D:** References already named in the patent application
- L:** References named for special reasons, e.g. concerning the date of publication of a reference cited in opposition or if the priority is in doubt